Designation Makes Counties Eligible for Federal Assistance

Toms River, NJ – Congressman John Adler today applauded the Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision to make Burlington and Ocean counties eligible for federal disaster assistance. The federal assistance is for severe storm flooding which occurred between March 12 and April 15, 2010. On April 2, New Jersey was declared a federal disaster area, and today's announcement made Ocean and Burlington counties eligible for certain types of federal assistance. The Congressman wrote federal officials in April asking for assistance for the two counties.

"Recent storms and flooding put an enormous strain on our local families and small businesses," Congressman John Adler said. "This federal funding will help our communities recover and lift the burden off the local taxpayer."

Households in Burlington and Ocean counties are now eligible to apply for individual assistance to deal with the effects of the storm. Furthermore, Ocean County is eligible for public assistance, which offers reimbursement to state and local government and certain nonprofits for emergency work and repairs.